

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim 81 and 93-94 were objected to for reasons that do not apply to the new claims.

Claims 64-72, 77, 79-100 and 102-103 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Wiechelhaus. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Wiechelhaus does not disclose a content of metallic particles of tungsten, molybdenum, tantalum and niobium or alloys thereof as set forth in the claims, so this rejection must be withdrawn.

Claims 64 and 73-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Soltwedel. Applicants respectfully submit that Soltwedel does not teach or suggest a mixture comprising a content of metallic particles of tungsten, molybdenum, tantalum and niobium or alloys thereof as set forth in the claims, so this rejection must be withdrawn.

Claims 64-68, 71-72 and 78 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hawkins. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection must be withdrawn for the reasons set forth above.

Claims 64-68, 76, 80, 99 and 101 were rejected under the ground of obviousness-type double patenting over certain claims of USSN 10/511,242. It is believed that the amendments to the claims overcomes this rejection. Thus, this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-DNAG-293-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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